

METHOD FOR PRODUCING A GLUTEN-BASED BAKED PRODUCT

5 The present invention relates to a method for producing
baked products containing gluten, employing a special
improving agent. It relates in particular to all
products containing gluten supplied as such or supplied
by means of a flour, such as in particular raised-dough
or proofed-dough bakery products, notably traditional
10 French bread (baguettes), soft loaves, English loaves,
brioche, bread rolls, pastries made with sweetened
dough, cakes, pizza pastry, buns, frozen pastry,
unraised pastries, textured products for human and
animal nutrition.

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To produce bread or bakery products, three components
are required, whose action is complementary and
inseparable: starch and gluten obtained from flour, and
yeast. Wheat is the only cereal containing gluten,
20 which has the following characteristic: when mixed with
water, the flour will form an elastic mass that can be
stretched. It is this ability that enables wheat flour
to form dough that can be stretched out, shaped and
baked to make various kinds of bread. The viscoelastic
25 properties of gluten account for its importance in
breadmaking. The gluten precursors are dispersed in the
flour and extensive mechanical work of mixing is
required to bring them together - this is the role of
kneading. The purpose of the latter is to mix the
30 ingredients, but above all to bind the gluten to give
body to the dough. The flour used in breadmaking is a
flour obtained from so-called breadmaking wheat. The
breadmaking wheats have a relatively high protein
content. Therefore they are mainly used for making
35 bread, as they contain a sufficient proportion of
gluten for producing a ball of dough having the desired
shape and structure. The suitability of a wheat for
bakery use is determined by the quantity and quality of
the gluten.

There are three important properties of gluten in breadmaking. Firstly it must have good capacity for absorption of water. The ball of dough results from the mixing of flour and water. The proteins in the gluten will have to be able to absorb sufficient water to form the dough, and the latter must then offer enough resistance in the mixing process. The gluten must also display the property of being extensible. In a bread dough, during fermentation, i.e. while the dough rises, a reaction takes place after the leaven absorbs the sugars, and this absorption will produce carbon dioxide gas and alcohol. The gas produced within the dough will extend the gluten matrix, form gas bubbles and enable the dough to rise. If the gluten is not sufficiently elastic, the gas bubbles will burst and the dough will not rise.

The gluten must also display some resistance. It is this resistance that will permit the gas to remain in the dough until the cooking process establishes the structure of the dough. Without this resistance, the dough would collapse. A good-quality gluten requires a good balance between elasticity and extensibility.

If the physical properties of the flour are inadequate, improving agents are usually employed. Ascorbic acid is used most often, but also potassium bromate or an emulsifier such as the methyl esters of mono- and diglycerides of diacetyl tartaric acid (DATEM: diacetyl tartaric acid esters of monoglycerides) which act on the gluten network, reinforcing it, and/or extra gluten is added to the flour. Increasingly, there have been attempts to dispense with the use of chemical improving agents and especially ascorbic acid, but no appropriate solution has yet been found.

In view of the present state of the art, the applicant company set itself the goal of developing baked

products containing gluten, without any of these problems connected with addition of chemical improving agents, and intends to offer products which can be made in the usual conditions or even in simplified
5 conditions, without requiring the slightest complex operation, and which display satisfactory quality, equivalent or even superior to the products of the prior art.

10 After numerous tests, the applicant found that the goal defined above could be achieved provided it employed, starting from the stage of initial mixing of the ingredients, a special improving agent comprising maltodextrins, dextrins and/or oligosaccharides.

15 There is considerable prejudice concerning the use of dextrins or maltodextrins, especially in breadmaking. In fact, it was found that these had an adverse effect on the dough, which had poorer binding once they were
20 added.

For this reason patent EP 0 463 935 B1 proposed adding indigestible dextrins to bread at a particular stage of the breadmaking process, i.e. once the dough had been
25 kneaded to about 50% (a technique commonly called "sponge and dough" by a person skilled in the art) but the technological restrictions thus imposed on this addition mean there are certain constraints on production.

30 Addition of cellulose to indigestible dextrins is also known, as described in patent JP 2001-045960. The main purpose in adding cellulose is to absorb water from the dough so as to correct its texture, but the dough
35 becomes extremely difficult to work. Furthermore, cellulose is a relatively expensive additive. The use of chicory flour, containing inulin and cellulose, as well as proteins and inorganic salts has also been described.

Patent application FR 2,822,643, owned by the applicant, proposed a bread containing 6.5 wt.% of branched maltodextrins, but production of this bread in
5 good conditions could only be achieved after a certain mixing time and on making a paste of the maltodextrins in fat in order to obtain a correct gluten network. Moreover, forming the dough inevitably required a longer mixing time.

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It appears that addition of polysaccharides of high molecular weight to bread, and more generally of edible fibers whether or not they are water-soluble, is accompanied by a certain number of problems, for
15 solution of which a good many methods have been proposed already, but there are still difficulties, such as the need to provide a range of complex pretreatments, problems in handling as well as constraints imposed notably relating to in-process
20 addition, in that no method is really completely satisfactory in solving the problems arising from the addition of edible fibers.

The present invention therefore relates to a method for
25 producing a baked product comprising:

- forming a dough comprising gluten, water, an improving agent and optionally a raising agent,
- kneading this dough,
- optionally leaving the dough to rise,
- 30 - baking the dough to obtain said baked product, characterized in that said baking dough contains from 0.1 to 3 wt.%, preferably from 0.5 to 2 wt.%, relative to the weight of the dough, of an improving agent selected from the group comprising maltodextrins,
35 pyrodextrins, and oligosaccharides.

Quite unexpectedly, the applicant found that addition of this special improving agent right at the start of the process improved the rate of hydration of the

gluten: in the presence of a small amount (i.e. in a proportion from 0.1 to 3 wt.% relative to the weight of the flour), the gluten undergoes hydration and binds very rapidly to form an elastic network. The present invention therefore specifically excludes the techniques using leaven ("sponge and dough"). The use of an agent for reinforcing the gluten network such as ascorbic acid in particular is no longer required and the network has better hydration and is well formed, and the processes occurring in the oven are such that the enzymes are no longer required.

Thus, depending on the formulas, it becomes possible, if required, to use so-called weak (low-gluten) flours and/or reduce the amount of gluten added and/or do without chemical improving agents (ascorbic acid, enzymes, emulsifiers) and the products have improved keeping qualities as well as better resistance to deep-freezing. This all therefore constitutes a very advantageous improvement over the prior art.

Above these proportions, i.e. above 3 wt.%, hydration of the gluten is spontaneous, the gluten undergoes agglutination instead of binding and it becomes necessary to make slight modifications to the formulas, i.e. reduce the proportion of gluten in the formula or work with low-gluten flours or use gluten reducing agents (bisulfite, cysteine, deactivated dried yeast, etc.) to lessen the cohesion of the gluten network. In certain cases it is also possible to use a slightly higher temperature of the water incorporated in the dough, which limits the agglutination of the gluten. At these doses, other very interesting properties appear: short kneading time, as well as short proving time, and products are obtained that display maximum softness. Above 15 wt.%, it is no longer possible to obtain a correct dough.

The invention therefore also relates to gluten-based baked products and the method of production thereof, containing 3 to 15 wt.%, relative to the weight of the dough, of an improving agent selected from the group comprising maltodextrins, pyrodextrins, polydextrose and oligosaccharides, alone or mixed together, and 0.005 to 1 wt.% of a reducing agent selected from the group comprising cysteine, glutathione, deactivated dried yeast, bisulfite and proteases. A person skilled in the art will of course adjust the dose of reducing agent in relation to the nature and the reducing activity of the agent selected.

The maltodextrins can comprise standard maltodextrins, such as the GLUCIDEX[®] maltodextrins marketed by the applicant.

According to a preferred variant of the present invention, branched maltodextrins will be used, such as those described in patent application EP 1,006,128, owned by the applicant. A further advantage of these branched maltodextrins is that they represent a source of indigestible fiber that is beneficial for the metabolism and for the intestinal equilibrium. In particular, branched maltodextrins with between 15 and 35% of 1-6-glycosidic bonds, a content of reducing sugars below 10%, a molecular weight Mw between 4000 and 6000 g/mol and a number-average molecular weight Mn between 2000 and 4000 g/mol can be used as improving agent. These branched maltodextrins are even more interesting according to the present invention because they do not alter the gelatinization temperature of starch, and therefore the viscosity of the doughs is not increased. Moreover, absorption of water does not change when said maltodextrins are added.

Certain sub-families of branched maltodextrins described in said application can also be used in accordance with the invention. This applies in

particular to branched maltodextrins of low molecular weight with a content of reducing sugars between 5 and 20% and a molecular weight M_n below 2000 g/mol.

- 5 These maltodextrins can of course be used alone or mixed with other improving agents according to the invention.

10 The pyrodextrins are products obtained by heating starch at low water content, in the presence of acid or basic catalysts, and generally having a molecular weight between 1000 and 6000 dalton. This dry roasting of starch, most commonly in the presence of acid, leads both to depolymerization of the starch and
15 rearrangement of the starch fragments obtained, leading to the formation of very branched molecules. This definition applies in particular to the so-called indigestible dextrins, with an average molecular weight of the order of 2000 dalton.

20 "Oligosaccharides" notably means the galacto-oligosaccharides, fructo-oligosaccharides and oligofructose, gum arabic, resistant starches, pea fibers. Preferably, the dough according to the
25 invention does not contain additional cellulose.

The baked products according to the invention designate articles made appropriately by cooking, for example in an oven, in water, by extrusion baking, of doughs
30 prepared by kneading a starting flour and water, to which other additives commonly used can be added as required, notably yeast, salt, sugars, sweeteners, dairy products, fats, emulsifiers, spices, dried fruit, flavourings, amylolytic enzymes. The dough used in the
35 production of the baked products according to the invention preferably contains more than 15 wt.% of water.

According to an advantageous variant of the invention, the dough does not contain fat, since the improving agent according to the invention has the additional advantage that it partially or completely replaces the
5 fats commonly used. Moreover, when we try to make low-fat products, the products generally suffer a loss of softness, as is the case with brioche in particular. Use of the improving agent according to and in the conditions of the present invention offers the
10 advantage of compensating the loss of softness of a product with lower fat content, using little if any supplementary additives.

The "starting flour" generally denotes wheat flours,
15 which can be supplemented with or partially replaced by rye, maize and rice flour in particular. "Wheat flours" means traditional milled flours, from white flour to wholewheat flour.

20 The invention applies without distinction to all varieties of dough, whether or not it is proofed dough or raised dough. The products obtained from raised doughs are for example bread, special bread, Viennese bread, brioche, pizzas, rolls for hamburgers. The
25 products obtained from proofed doughs are for example biscuits, cookies, muffins, fruit cake and other cakes, and products based on puff-pastry. The unraised doughs are in particular pasta (spaghetti, tagliatelle, macaroni, noodles, and others) in all its forms, made
30 from hard or soft wheat flour. The invention also applies to extruded products such as snacks, breakfast cereals, crackers, and any textured product containing gluten.

35 The invention also relates to the use of an improving agent selected from the group comprising maltodextrins, pyrodextrins and oligosaccharides for improving the viscoelastic index of the gluten. In fact, when using the improving agent according to the invention, the

gluten is more cohesive in the recommended proportions, i.e. between 0.1 and 3 wt.% relative to the weight of the flour.

- 5 The invention will be better understood on reading the following examples and the diagram relating to them, which are intended for illustration and are non-limiting.

10 Example 1: improvements to the viscoelastic properties of gluten, production of bread.

Loaves are made according to a formula for French bread based on Leforest wheat flour with the following
15 analysis:

- water content 15.6%
- proteins 10.7%
- alveogram P78, W272, P/L 0.71

- 20 The dough is kneaded using an inclined-shaft kneading machine, 5 minutes speed 1, then 12 minutes speed 2, and 5 minutes speed 2 with salt.

Proofing is carried out at 24°C in an atmosphere with
25 75% humidity.

Baking is carried out for 24 minutes at 240°C.

Evaluation is based on the following tests:

- 30 For the dough: the length in cm of the ball of dough after lengthening on the shaper provides information on dough tenacity.

For the bread: after proofing for 2h30 and 3h00, the balls of dough are baked. The volumes of the loaves
35 after proofing for 2h30 and of the loaves after proofing for 3h00 are measured in a volumeter: the mean volume is given in ml (see Fig. 1).

The tests were conducted relative to a standard flour, in the following way:

Doughs at 60% hydration (tests 1 to 6), formulas with 0.68 - 1.34 - 1.99% of branched maltodextrins compared with a formula with 1.00% of gluten (percentage calculated on a finished product at 62.7% dry matter).

Doughs at 61% hydration (tests 5, 7, 8), formula with 1.34% of branched maltodextrins compared with formulas with 1.00 and 1.33% of gluten.

	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4	Test 6
Leforest flour (g)	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Vital gluten (g)	0	0	0	0	15 (1%)
Branched maltodextrins (g)	0	10 (0.68%)	20 (1.34%)	30 (1.99%)	0
Water (g)	600	600	600	600	600
Yeast (g)	22	22	22	22	22
Salt (g)	22	22	22	22	22
Ascorbic acid 1% (ml)	2	2	2	2	2
Enzyme (g)	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
T°C end of kneading	24.8	26	25.3	26	25.5
Elongation in shaping (cm)	33.27	32.16	31.38	31.44	32.33
Proofing 2h30 mean volume	1604 ml	1772 ml	1834 ml	1800 ml	1582 ml
Proofing 3h00 mean volume	1540 ml	1697.5 ml	1857.5 ml	1797 ml	1455 ml

	Test 5	Test 7	Test 8
Leforest flour (g)	1000	1000	1000
Vital gluten (g)	0	15 (1%)	20 (1.33%)

Branched maltodextrins (g)	20 (1.34%)	0	0
Water (g)	630	630	630
Yeast (g)	22	22	22
Salt (g)	22	22	22
Ascorbic acid 1% (ml)	2	2	2
Enzyme (g)	0.05	0.05	0.05
T°C end of kneading	25.5	25.5	25.3
Elongation in shaping (cm)	32.33	32	32.77
Proofing 2h30 mean volume	1790 ml	1690 ml	1730 ml
Proofing 3h00 mean volume	nd	1600 ml	nd

Standard flour No. 1, tests 2, 3 and 4

The improving agent according to the invention
5 increases the tenacity of the doughs with a maximum (in
the chosen conditions of hydration) at 1.34 or 1.99%;
the volumes of the loaves after proofing for 2h30
increase from 1600 to 1800 ml on adding 0.68% of
branched maltodextrins; the volumes of the loaves with
10 1.34% of branched maltodextrins do not decrease after
proofing for 3h00.

Greater hydration in a dough containing 1.34% of
improving agent according to the invention makes the
15 dough flexible and does not permit the volume of the
loaves to be increased (tests 3 and 5).

Standard flour No. 1, tests 6, 7 and 8

20 Gluten increases the tenacity of the doughs and
increases loaf volume but at higher concentrations than
those used for the branched maltodextrins. An increase
in hydration of the dough enables the gluten to fulfill
its role completely and increase loaf volume; the
25 volumes of the loaves with 0.68% of branched

maltodextrins (dough with 60% water, test 2) are equivalent to those of the loaves with 1.33% of gluten (dough with 61% water, test 8) (see Fig. 1).

- 5 Other improving agents according to the invention were tested: oligofructose, standard maltodextrins GLUCIDEX[®] 2 and GLUCIDEX[®] 28.

10 The behavior of oligofructose is equivalent to that of the other improving agents. The maltodextrins reduce the tenacity of the dough and increase the volumes of the loaves but to a more limited extent than the branched maltodextrins or oligofructose.

- 15 Conclusions: The improving agents according to the invention have the following effects:

At a dose of 0.68% based on the finished product, they endow the doughs with tenacity and increase the volume of the loaves by more than 10%. These effects increase
20 with the concentration of improving agent up to a maximum effect of volume increase of 14% for a dose of 1.34% in our operating conditions. The degree of hydration of the dough is not increased.

- 25 With gluten, the effects are identical but the degree of hydration must be increased and a larger amount of gluten is required to obtain identical effects: volumes of loaves with 0.68% of branched maltodextrins and 60% hydration equivalent to the volumes of loaves with
30 1.33% gluten and 61% hydration.

Example 2: Production of brioches.

Brioches are produced, employing an improving agent
35 according to the invention selected from:

- standard maltodextrins (GLUCIDEX[®] 1, 2 or 6)
- branched maltodextrins, oligofructose, Raftilose[®]

	A	B	C
	Control	5% improving	10% improving

		agent according to the invention	agent according to the invention
Leforest flour (g)	1009.9	1014.7	984.8
Vital gluten (g)	40	40	40
Mélioise glucose syrup (g)	175	175	85
Whole egg 4°C (g)	150	150	150
Fresh butter 85 wt.% (g)	300	200	200
Water (g)	250	250	270
Improving agent according to the invention (g)	0	100	200
Baker's yeast (g)	50	50	50
Salt (g)	20	20	20
Enzyme (g)	0.1	0.1	0
Ascorbic acid 1% (ml)	5	0	0
Cysteine (g)	0	0.2	0.2

Total (g)	2000	2000	2000
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Water temperature	8°C	25°C	30°C
Spiral kneader Speed 1	3 min	1 min	1 min
Spiral kneader Speed 2	15 min	8 min	15 min
Temperature at end of kneading	29.5°C	26.5°C	27°C

Relaxation time at room temperature	15 min	15 min	15 min
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Proofing time 28°C, 85% H2O	1h45	1h45	1h45
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Weighing and rolling of 500g brioches and 60g briochettes

Length increase in shaping of the brioches 4/3	36.7 cm	32.9 cm	32.9 cm
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The briochettes are shaped
by hand

Baking in rotary oven 190°C, brioches 23 minutes, briochettes 15
minutes. Egg and water glaze.

Average weight of brioche after baking	465.3 g	465 g	463 g
Average weight of briochette after baking	53.4 g		52.77 g

Average volume of brioche	1747 ml	1707 ml	1970 ml
Volume of 3 briochettes	560 ml	540 ml	740 ml

Final moisture content of brioche	31.99%	31.12%	29.45%
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According to the standard formula for production of brioche in the prior art, important constraints appear, such as the need to make a paste of the fat and maltodextrins prior to incorporation in the dough, and a considerable increase in mixing time (from 15 minutes to 45 minutes with incorporation of maltodextrins). Furthermore it is essential to add ascorbic acid to the dough.

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For production of brioche without the aforementioned drawbacks, according to the invention it is necessary to:

- reduce the amount of maltodextrins to a content between 0.1 and 3 wt.% relative to the weight of flour, which in this case makes it possible to reduce the amount of gluten added

- or maintain an amount above 3%, but removing the gluten from the recipe, or raising the temperature of the hydration water or adding cysteine (0.2 parts by weight) to improve the formation of the dough, and then maximum softness is obtained.

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Results:

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The improving agents according to the invention have similar effects of increase in dough tenacity and improvement of the volume of the finished products, though the results obtained with oligofructose are

poorer than the others. Softness is judged to be superior to the control when the dose of improving agent is greater than 5%.

- 5 The standard maltodextrins increase the extensibility of the dough and the volume of the brioches. They have less pronounced effects on dough tenacity than the other improving agents. There is also an appreciable increase in volume, but softness is somewhat less
10 developed.

Ascorbic acid can be left out, as can the enzymes.

15 Example 3: Production of hamburger rolls without added sugar

A - FORMULA

	Ingredients by weight	Composition % of finished product
Wheat flour (10.5% proteins)	100.00	26.46
Vital wheat gluten VITEN®	38.07	10.76
Branched maltodextrins	34.52	9.86
according to the invention		
Devitalized wheat gluten	10.15	2.87
DEVITEN		
Pressed yeast	6.09	0.53
Acesulfam K	0.08	0.02
Salt	3.05	0.92
Reducing agent (cysteine)	0.10	0.03
Water at 30°C	90.66	46.00
Butter	9.14	2.31
Emulsifier (including DATEM)	0.81	0.24

20 B - METHOD

- Dissolve the cysteine in the water at 30°C.
- Mix together the powders, add water.

- Mix in the spiral kneader 30 seconds speed 1 then 7 minutes speed 2 (final temperature 32°C).
- Leave to rest for 15 minutes.
- Cut off 60-g pieces, roll into a ball, flatten and mold.
- Ferment at 40°C, 95% RH for 60 minutes.
- Bake in the oven at 205°C for 11 minutes.

Rolls are obtained with organoleptic characteristics comparable to the products of the prior art according to a simple process. The calorific value of the rolls, found by calculation, is 209.40 kcal/100 g.

Example 4: Production of hamburger rolls without added fats and without added sugar

A - FORMULA

	Ingredients by weight	Composition % of finished product
Wheat flour (10.5% proteins)	100.00	27.77
Vital wheat gluten VITEN®	38.07	11.29
Branched maltodextrins	34.52	10.35
according to the invention		
Devitalized wheat gluten	10.15	3.01
DEVITEN		
Pressed yeast	6.09	0.56
Acesulfam K	0.08	0.03
Salt	3.05	0.96
Reducing agent (cysteine)	0.10	0.03
Water at 30°C	90.68	46.00

B - METHOD

- Dissolve the cysteine in the water at 30°C.
- Mix together the powders, add water.
- Mix in the spiral kneader 30 seconds speed 1 then 7 minutes speed 2 (final temperature 32°C).

- Leave to rest for 15 minutes.
- Cut off 60-g pieces, roll into a ball, flatten and mold.
- Ferment at 40°C, 95% RH for 60 minutes.
- 5 ➤ Bake in the oven at 205°C for 11 minutes.

Use of the improving agent according to the invention in a dough with high water content, in the presence of a reducing agent, means advantageously that the fats
10 can be omitted from the formula, but compensates for the loss of softness due to the absence of the fats.

It is then possible to formulate bread rolls for hamburgers of lower calorific value than rolls
15 containing fat, but maintaining satisfactory organoleptic characteristics. The calorific value found by calculation is 199.56 kcal/100 g, against 209.40 kcal/100 g according to the formula in Example 3.

20 Example 5: Production of French bread according to the invention

A - FORMULA

	Ingredients by weight	Composition % of finished product
Wheat flour (10.5% proteins)	100.00	53.19
Vital wheat gluten VITEN [®]	4.17	2.42
Branched maltodextrins	6.67	9.79
Pressed yeast	2.29	0.35
Salt	2.29	1.42
Cysteine	0.014	0.009
Water at 25°C	60.42	32.82

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B - METHOD

- Dissolve the cysteine in the water at 30°C.
- Mix together the powders, add water.

- Mix in the spiral kneader 30 seconds speed 1 then 8 minutes speed 2 (final temperature 26°C).
- Leave to rest for 10 minutes.
- Weigh 100-g pieces, roll into a ball.
- 5 ➤ Shape.
- Ferment at 25°C, 75% RH for 1 h 45 minutes.
- Bake in the oven at 215°C for 13 minutes.

10 In accordance with the invention, French bread of very satisfactory quality is obtained, without addition of ascorbic acid.

Example 6: Production of biscuits according to the invention

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Biscuits are produced according to the invention using the formulas given below, employing branched maltodextrins of various molecular weights, hydrogenated or unhydrogenated, and polydextrose (Litesse[®] Ultra) as improving agent, in combination with
20 pea fiber.

Test 1: branched maltodextrin of molecular weight Mw = 5000 and Mn = 2650.

25 **Test 2:** branched maltodextrin of molecular weight Mw = 3820 and Mn = 1110.

Test 3: branched maltodextrin of molecular weight Mw = 2125 and Mn = 600.

Test 4: refined polydextrose (Litesse[®] Ultra).

30 **Test 5:** maltodextrin from test 1, hydrogenated.

Proportions by weight	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4	Test 5
Leforest flour	485.5	485.5	485.5	485.5	485.5
Pea fiber	60	60	60	60	60
Improving agent	71	71	71	71	71
Vegetable fat	89	89	89	89	89
Maltisorb [®] P200	186	186	186	186	186

Lametop 300 DATEM	6	6	6	6	6
Sodium bicarbonate	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Ammonium bicarbonate	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Sodium pyrophosphate	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Vanilla flavor (Mane)	2	2	2	2	2
Butter flavor (Mane)	1	1	1	1	1
Salt	2	2	2	2	2
Water	110	110	110	110	95
Total	1020	1020	1020	1020	1005
Baking in rotary oven 200°C	9 min	9 min	9 min	9 min	9 min
Hardness of biscuit (N)	10	12.5	10	11.2	9.8
Softness and crunchiness of the biscuit	+	++	+	+	++

Use of up to 7% of pea fiber makes the biscuit softer and more friable, and compensates for the reduction in fats.

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All the biscuits have equivalent organoleptic characteristics, but the biscuit in test 3 is preferred as it is slightly more crunchy.

10 Example 7: Production of low-calorie loaves according to the invention

Low-calorie loaves according to the invention are produced with the formulas shown below, which use

branched maltodextrins or polydextrose (Litesse® Ultra) as the improving agent.

5 **Test 1:** branched maltodextrin of molecular weight Mw = 5000 and Mn = 2650.

Test 2: refined polydextrose (Litesse® Ultra).

Proportions by weight	Test 1	Test 2
Leforest flour	530	530
Vital gluten	400	400
Improving agent	300	300
Devitalized gluten	300	300
Soy oil	100	100
Guar gum	25	25
Pressed yeast	55	55
Salt	30	30
Ascorbic acid	0.2	0.2
Enzyme	0.2	0.2
Water at 30°C	920	920
Cysteine, Nutrilife MCY	1.4	1.4
Total	2661.8	2661.8
Spiral kneader Speed 1	9 min	9 min
Spiral kneader Speed 2	10	12.5
Temperature at end of kneading	36.2°C	36.8°C

10 On completion of kneading, divide into 500-gram pieces, roll into a ball, pass immediately to the shaper, place in greased molds, and put in the proofing chamber, at 35°C, 80% relative humidity, for 60-90 minutes.

15 Then bake the loaves in the rotary oven at 220°C.

Results: when used at concentrations above 3%, the improving agents according to the invention cause effects of splitting of the dough, which can be corrected by using a reducing agent such as cysteine.

20 The proofing times are longer when polydextrose is used (reduced swelling volume).